(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss thereby; and

(c) what steps Government proposed to take to protect the interests of poor farmers?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Navbharat Seeds Pvt. Ltd, Ahmedabad has marketed seeds of a transgenic BT Cotton variety (Navbharat 151) in Gujarat without any biosafety assessment and the mandatory approval of Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC), thereby violating the provisions of 1989 Rules and the Environment Protection Act 1986. The GEAC has directed the Gujarat State Biotechnology Coordination Committee to take following actions so that the farmers are not adversely affected:

- procure the cotton bolls of Navbharat 151 crop from the farmers at the appropriate support price;
- separate the lint and seed;
- destroy the seed and store the lint in safe custody till further orders from GEAC;

'estruction of crop residue by uprooting and burning and ,anitation of fields.

Forest ranges in Chilka Wildlife Division

946. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of forest ranges which the Chilka Wildlife Division in Orissa has been divided into, giving the details of area of each; and

(b) the figures of waterfowl/birds in each of these range areas, for each of the last five years, till date?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) As reported by the State Government the Chilka

wildlife division has been divided into five ranges. The name and area of these ranges is as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Range	Area in Acres
1.	Rambha Range	7999.27
2.	Tangi Range	520.00
3.	Balugao Range	3852.00
4.	Chilka Range	5829.00
5.	Konark Range	Non forest Range

(b) The details of water fowl census in these ranges during the last five years is as follows:

Year	Chilka	Balugaon	Tangi	Rambha
1998-99	2,204	1233013	12292	186301
1999-2000	85926	1450764	9112	3199
2000-2001	32205	905439	19191	38548
2001-2002	163243	270268	1037312	42695

Construction Activities in Coastal Zone Areas

947. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to relax restrictions on construction activities in the coastal zone areas to permit infrastructural facilities and construction of dwelling units, for local inhabitants of such areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when necessary amendment is likely to be issued to Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A draft amendment to Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 has been issued *vide* S.O. 51(E) dated 11th January, 2002, inviting comments/suggestions from